Philadelphia 10th. August 1779.
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Dear Sir

My last trouble is dated the 3d. Inst. by Post; yes-terday I was favord with yours of the 1st. accompanied by Copies of three Letters which I fear will be of very little use or service hereafter

Congress as you will read in Dunlap's Paper of this date have "discharged Mr. Deane from any further attendance" this Resolution was Affixed at a time when I was unavoidably absent seeking for new apart-ments, being obliged to leave these I am in, the day after to morrow; I had previously, but without effect, objected to paying Mr. Deane any Money untill he should have accounted for the Sums which he had received in Paris, & pointed particularly at those Sums which he had received of Mr. de Beaumarchais & of Mr. Grand after he knew of his being superceded in Office & of the appointment of a Commissioner to succeed him, of which Mr. A Lee takes particular notice in his vindication — the amount of the former you are informed of, that of the latter is upward of £1700. Sterling including all his draughts on the Banker, I say without effect for no support was given to my motion, or so slender a one as not to bring on a question — I think nevertheless, I did my duty, & that hereafter I shall be applauded

Congress had determined that the Commissioners & other Agents should respectively adjust their accounts with a person to be appointed for that purpose in France, a measure which I was averse from, & yet all things considered, it admitted much good reason in favor of it. after this determination I was called out on the business abovementioned — at my

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return, I found the Resolve for "discharging Mr. Deane from further attendance on Congreſs," this, inasmuch as no provision is made for his Voyage to France nor for his expences there, leaves the adjustment of his accounts optional with him. you will see the Resolves in a few days extended in the printed Journals or perhaps in M.S. by the next Post, at present I am in all that embarraſsment which attends moving from one House to another & being called off by Committees &c. — I began this Note at 6. this Morning 'tis now past eleven, I must fly to Congreſs where somewhat very Interesting is to be brought on the tapis, permit me therefore to take leave with repeated aſsurances of being with very great Esteem & Respect Dear Sir.

Your obliged & obedt. Servt.
Henry Laurens.

The Honorable
Richd. H. Lee Esquire
Virginia.

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Hon Mr Laurens
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